



DUNNE IS STRONG

Men of All Parties Agree that the Governor Would Be a Formidable Candidate Before the People.

The Battle for Delegates, Committeeships and Other Big Plums Taking Up Attention of Local Statesmen.

Wet and Dry Question Will Cut a Big Figure in Next Year's Battle Throughout the State of Illinois.

Factions in Both the Big Parties Are Making a Hard Fight for the Control of the Managing Committees.

Governor Dunne has made a splendid record as Chief Executive of Illinois and men of all parties agree that his popularity with the people is so great that he would be a formidable candidate against anyone who could be named.

Judge George Kersten of the Circuit Court and Chief Justice Olson of the Municipal Court have appointed the new Crime Commission authorized by the City Council. Following are the members of it:

Women: Mrs. Andrew J. Graham, Mrs. Minnie F. Low, Miss Grace Abbott, Miss Harriet Vittum, Mrs. Medill McCormick.

Aldermen: John Kjellander, C. E. Merriam, James H. Lawley, S. S. Wolkowick, Otto Kerner.

Lawyers and Civic Leaders: Herbert Harley, Benedict J. Short, Wm. McChesney, Daniel McMahon, Chas. S. Cutting, Albert Kales, Edward Maher, Edw. N. Nockels, M. J. Isaacs, W. A. Field, J. H. Wigmore, Nelson Lampert, James P. Hall, Allen Pond.

The Chicago Eagle two months ago mentioned as the best choice Oscar F. Mayer for postmaster. The Chicago American of Tuesday spoke of Mr. Mayer's appointment as certain, and said:

Former Mayor Harrison, who will have considerable to say about the filling of this big office, has met Mr. Mayer since his return, and what is more important, Mr. Mayer's most intimate friends.

As a result it is understood that Mr. Harrison this week will recommend the North Side German-American to Senator Lewis and also will discuss the matter with Governor Edward F. Dunne and William L. O'Connell.

It is believed that Mr. Mayer will be satisfactory all along the line, up to President Wilson. The appointment of so prominent a German-American as the North Side packer to the biggest federal office in Chicago would attract wide attention, and it is believed would strengthen President Wilson politically.

The packer could bring to the situation what other candidates have lacked—the most substantial sort of business backing. While he has never boasted about his financial strength even to intimate friends, Mr. Mayer today is a rich man and his business organization is extensive. In addition to his own big business Oscar F. Mayer & Brother, he recently was elected president of the Western Packing Company, the great independent packing plant. In the latter position he succeeded James S. Agar.

Mr. Mayer has five children, a son, who is a graduate of Harvard and has assumed an important place in his father's business, and four girls, two of whom are pupils in Eastern schools of note.

He recently purchased a handsome home in Sheridan road. Mr. Mayer is a member of every German club and society of prominence and is the treasurer of the German Red Cross fund.

Postmaster Campbell's term expires this year.

Mayor Thompson, District Attorney Charles F. Clynne, Judge John P. McGorty, Judge Francis E. Baker, John W. Eckhart, Charles S. Cutting, Thomas J. Lawless and Levy Mayer.

Former Mayor Harrison has returned from his summer's outing. He has been away since Aug. 20 on a hunting trip; prior to which he and the former county judge, John E. Owens, explored the Canadian Rockies.

"I got one fine moose with a forty-seven inch spread of antlers," said Mr. Harrison, "and two mountain goats—but I wish I had got that big fellow. I hit his trail one day and realized that I was after a monster. It was 'down country' where the undergrowth is thick. I took my place and waited. Out came Mr. Moose, a great hulk of a fellow with the prettiest antlers you ever saw. I got a bead on his shoulder and pulled the trigger. There was just a click and no report."

"Then I remembered. I was using a Winchester .33 and had figured I didn't want to kill our guide or myself, so I had not pumped a cartridge into the chamber, although the magazine was full. By the time I had got the cartridge into position the big fellow had seen us and lumbered off. I fired four shots at him and missed all of them. Maybe it was 'buck fever' I had."

"Say, when I first pulled and the gun didn't go off, you ought to have heard my guide, Charlie Lawrence, swear. For downright earnestness and picturesqueness it beat anything I ever heard before. It was eloquent and forceful."

The former mayor denied a story that he might become postmaster and said: "Nothing doing in that line. Oscar F. Mayer would be a good man, but I doubt if he could be induced to accept."

Mayor Thompson will not ask for the confirmation of any appointments at the first fall meeting of the city council, Oct. 4. The mayor has indicated that he probably will reappoint John L. Whitman, superintendent of the bidwell, but said that he desired to appoint certain "big business men" on the board of inspectors of that institution, and that he had not yet decided whom to ask to accept these positions.

Two thousand Cook county employees, who are not under civil service are said to be affected by a tangle of the scope of the county pension fund law passed at the last session of the Legislature. As the law is somewhat vague and does not specifically mention civil service, employees who have worked for the county for many years have made application to come under the privileges of the pension fund law.

Assistant State's Attorney M. E. Barnhart has been asked for an opinion, and an appeal is expected in any event. If the law is held to apply to all employees, then the recent election of trustees of the pension fund will be declared illegal, as only civil service employees voted.

Judge Scully in the County court has issued an order directing that defaults be entered against all property in North Michigan avenue, between

East Randolph street and the Chicago river, the owners of which have not filed objection in court to the assessments for the widening of Michigan avenue in connection with the proposed boulevard link plan. Yesterday was the last day for the filing of objections.

The order was issued on the motion

employed by Percy B. Coffin, president of the civil service commission, to investigate conditions in the offices of the comptroller and treasurer. Mr. Quigley in his report recommends that the treasurer use the double instead of the single entry system of bookkeeping and that the treasurer be given control of the city's funds instead of the comptroller. He also says statements issued by the comptroller and treasurer are unreliable.

The boldness of the gang in impressing the "official organ" part of the program on the unsuspecting public is evidenced by the line following the name of one of Sheriff Traeger's present leading lights—a man whose subordinates by the way are supposed to keep close to him. This information follows his name in the 1913 edition of the Chicago City Directory: It gives the person's occupation as "CHIEF BAILIFF AND EDITOR." Look and see for yourself.

Sheriff Traeger has the reputation of being an honest man. Does he want officials around him who are talked of for other things besides attention to their official duties? The story as told to The Eagle is, that \$10 apiece was collected from each of the 58 bailiffs to purchase a gold diamond studded star for a chief bailiff and that the latter bought the star for himself from a Monroe street dealer out of the collection. Is this true?

Reference to a person who collected campaign contributions ostensibly for Busse, but really for himself, calls attention to a minute report which has been shown to us, of similar activities of persons called RYAN and BURNS in the possession of a well known detective agency. The Chicago Record-Herald of December 31, 1904, published an account of the holding up of Angus McKay & Co., well known business men, by an alleged "Smoke Inspector" calling himself J. P. Ryan and the endorsing of the check given to him by one J. J. Burns, who cashed it in a La Salle street saloon. S. H. Woodhouse of 1241 State street said he was asked to put an ad. for \$200 in an alleged official organ for his

GANGSTER GRAFT

Bogus "Official Organ" Draws Attention to Long Record of Grabs for Coin on Official Connections.

Gossip About the Work of Public Officials and Others in Various Departments of Public Life.

Public Men and Public Conditions as They Are Seen by the People in the Light of Their Performances.

General Information of a Public and Political Nature From All Parts of the State and All Parties In It.

The alleged "official organ" for which the notorious Berg-Gray-Burns gang did so much "special" work is still doing business.

A number of articles which appeared in The Eagle in the issue of September 18, 1915, were stolen bodily and reprinted verbatim ad litteram without credit in the September 25, 1915.

Aldermanic, Shrivelt, Park, City Civil Service and other "official" connections.

We do not miss the stolen paragraphs which are plainly discernible in the September 25 issue of this alleged champion of graft, but we do not permit our patrons to be bothered without going to their assistance.

Our attention and the attention of a portion of the public taken up with politics has, for some time, been called to the appearance of an untidy collection of white paper, formed and printed like a shapeless newspaper—only larger than the average. This curiosity filled with pages of dead ads and edited with a pastepot and a pair of shears has been likened in appearance to a newspaper cemetery. An ad in it achieves immortality, as it is never taken out no matter whether the alleged advertiser is dead, out of business or in parts unknown.

This remarkable product of the shears, pastepot and printing press has been calling itself an "official organ." It is said, because of its success in boosting a lot of touching talent connected with it into political jobs and, incidentally, into some notoriety.

Aside from the alleged Senatorial, Legislative, Bailiff, Park Official, Aldermanic and Civil Service aid exploited by the junk referred to, it has other interesting attributes.

One of these is to steal as much from the columns of The Eagle as possible in order to give some life to the load of pulp.

This is not to be wondered at when one ascertains the character and record of some of the solicitors and others who are, or have been, connected with it. One of the latest ornaments on the soliciting staff of the Official Touch is said to be a gentleman long schooled in the art of passing bogus checks. He is an artist in more ways than one in his particular line.

When the late Fred Busse was elected mayor this recent addition to the staff of the Dead Ad Blanket conceived a brilliant idea.

Mayor Busse was treasurer of the Republican County Committee.

Believing that a number of people would like to contribute to Mr. Busse's campaign fund, he started out to collect the contributions—and keep them himself.

Unfortunately this man with monumental gall and infinitesimal principle, walked into the wrong place one day. He was detained until the police arrived when he was arrested. "Pull" got him out of jail and, while he never got over his check passing habit, he felt lower and lower until he secured a job to lie for the "official organ." Well, let him lie—for awhile.

There are others with records on the waste paper junk, but one example is enough at present.

The heads and scissors work on the thing are done by a veteran free luncher, it is said, who holds down a chair between bites, on the pay roll of the City Civil Service Commission.

Its brilliant society gossip, collections and incidentals are alleged to have been long taken care of by one of Sheriff Traeger's underlings, who was bold enough to have both his official position and editorial connection appear after his name in the Chicago city directory for 1913.

The size of this weekly junk pile may have inspired one Senatorial individual with extraordinary courage.

This legislative personage, by the way, is looked upon as a leading standby of the "official organ." We refer to the great notoriety which he achieved when he was accused of threatening to put one of the largest railroads running out of Chicago out of business. The General Counsel of the road called the attention of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission to the matter at the time.

The alleged record in the past of this "organ" has been published before.

Many people remember when it gave employment to members of the Berg-Gray-Burns gang of "specialists." This gang is recollected by numbers because of the money they were relieved of by it on the strength of forged credentials purporting to be issued by the Federation of Labor and the Trades and Labor Assembly. This gang when not engaged in "special" newspaper work used to get active among business men just before Labor Day every year by soliciting subscriptions from them on the strength of the fraudulent credentials referred to.

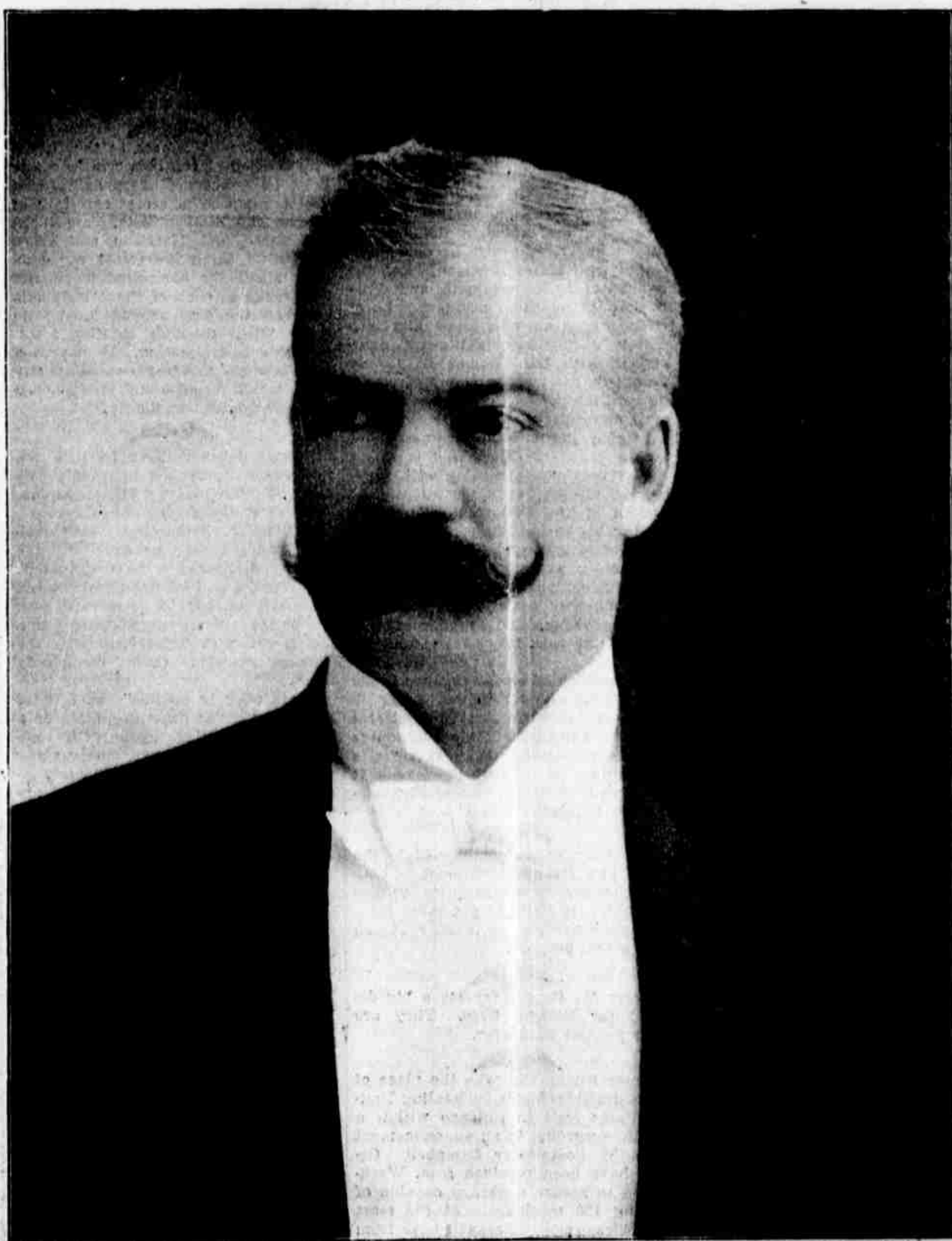
But, returning to the official organ, many business men and contractors doing business with the City Hall have reason to remember it because of its alleged influence in the past. Some of the intended victims kicked, among them, the inventor of a smoke consumer who told daily papers and others about the way people representing the "official organ" had approached him with a promise of the adoption by the city of his device if he gave a \$200 contribution to the "official organ." Another act of the "official organ" was to apply for a list of dealers selling to the city and then, offering these dealers its valuable influence in exchange for ads in its columns. Agents for this "official organ" have had the gall under past administrations to present letters to business men, contractors and others written on city stationery advising them (if they knew what was good for them was the evident intimation) to secure influence by patronizing the "organ." According to reports on file, one of their favorite schemes was to go to people who had business with the city and represent that an influential alderman was interested in their business and that for a stated consideration everything would be "fixed" satisfactorily.

Of late, it is alleged that the wonderful influence of a member of the General Assembly is on tap to people favoring this marvel of "official" organization. One prominent railroad man has been at work for some time on a matter that may be brought before the next Legislature in relation to activities of this nature. Indirect bribery may be popular in some quarters but the Criminal Code of Illinois is not one of them.

In the meantime, in order that no mistakes may be made, we advise our readers to listen to the howls of the publication that the cap fits. "A guilty conscience needs no accuser."

Criminal Court bailiffs, it is reported, had to contribute to a fund to buy a diamond studded gold star for the chief bailiff. Sheriff Traeger might inquire into this matter and find out just when and how it was done.

Hold all national conventions in Chicago.



WASHINGTON PORTER,
Public Spirited Chicago Millionaire and Progressive Citizen.

of Assistant Corporation Counsel Eugene H. Dupee, assigned to the board of local improvements.

Arthur J. Quigley, an expert accountant, says that Chicago's system of bookkeeping is all wrong. He was

smoke preventing device. He said the man told him that an influential alderman was back of the paper and that his "pull" would secure the adoption of his device by the city. President Peet of the Sanitary Laundry told of giving up "campaign funds" to two bogus smoke inspectors.

edition of this unwieldy mass of clippings and dead ads, which is alleged to prey upon a part of the public as an "official organ."

We have nailed down our doormat because it is not safe from the predatory wanderers attached to this alleged representative of Senatorial,